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Dear Friend,

Anyone who thought opposition to the Majority's health care reform measures was only a 2009 phenomenon should have attended my first live town hall of 2010 in Rio Vista last week.



Congressman Lungren hosts a town hall meeting in Rio Vista to dialogue with his constituents on health care reform, government spending, and water issues, among other things.

I believe that as much as the House

and Senate Leadership might want to ignore, dispel or muzzle the passion I witnessed in August and throughout the fall of 2009, the people keep telling me to do everything in my power to put a stop to what is going on regarding health care reform in private negotiations in Congress. The new year is no different.

As I told my Solano County constituents, I've never seen anything like this. People come up to me at church, at the grocery store and while I'm out on a walk at home and plead with me that I carry their voices back to Washington.

They want to see reforms in health care, but they don't want a system that forces you to buy a government-approved plan – or risk being fined, even imprisoned. I've searched the Constitution and I find no basis for the government to make this requirement of its citizens.

Nor do I see the fiscal restraint in the Administration that my Delta and other Third District friends require of themselves. The folks in Rio Vista are frustrated with

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themselves. The folks in Rio Vista are frustrated with spending measures and trillion-dollar deficits that may smother the gasping breaths of an economy trying to recover.

This group knows who ultimately will pay the bill for cash-for-clunker programs stimulus funds – which have yet to improve our terrible unemployment numbers, as promised. Our children will pay, and their children. They will pay for generations to come – if our Chinese government funders don't call in the debt first.

Congress must hear you, Rio Vista.

We've got an ambitious schedule of tele-town halls and live town halls for 2010, so stay tuned and look for announcements. Our next live town hall is scheduled for February 13 in Calaveras County, location to be announced pending final arrangements.

Legonauts

A few weeks ago I got to host eight bright young men and one robot in the district office in Gold River.

The Legonauts, all from the Folsom area, wanted to put their robot

through its paces and get my input on the First Lego League entry that they were about to compete with in a Northern California gathering this past weekend.



Congressman Lungren listens to students from the Folsom area talk about and demonstrate their Lego robot and how the program increases student interest in science, technology, engineering, and math.

For you Lego-challenged, the competition has been sponsored by the toymaker since 1998, in partnership with educators who hope to motivate 9 to 14-year-olds to get more involved in math and science.

I'm pleased to report that the young men I met in the district office outperformed 47 other teams this past weekend in the Bay Area, and now they're making plans to compete in the international competition in April, which is held in Atlanta. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating them – and signing them up as future engineers and scientists.

This competitive exercise gives children the opportunity to expand their understanding of the application of science, technology, engineering, and math. These fields of study are growing increasingly important in our economy and it is important for our students to have a strong background in these areas. For these reasons, I am happy to learn of and support efforts like the Lego League program to engage our students in challenging and creative learning experiences.

Sacramento Sheriff



Congressman Lungren presents a Congressional Certificate to Sheriff McGinness for his years of service in law enforcement and his designation as Carmichael's "Person of the Year."

I was delighted to be in attendance January 8 when Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness was honored as Carmichael's 2010 "Person of the Year." John McGinness, a good friend and even better law

enforcement officer, has begun his last year in office. He grew up in Carmichael and attended Our Lady of Assumption School.

We got to share some pleasant moments among great members of the community at the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce dinner honoring the sheriff. Among the other guests were state Senator Dave Cox, Assemblyman Roger Niello, and Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Lungren".

Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress

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